

REMARKS

A check for \$1405 for a five-month extension of time and thirteen (13) dependent claims accompanies this response. Any fees that may be due in connection with the filing of this paper or with this application may be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1050. If a Petition for Extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition. A Revocation and New Power of Attorney and a Change of Address accompanies this response.

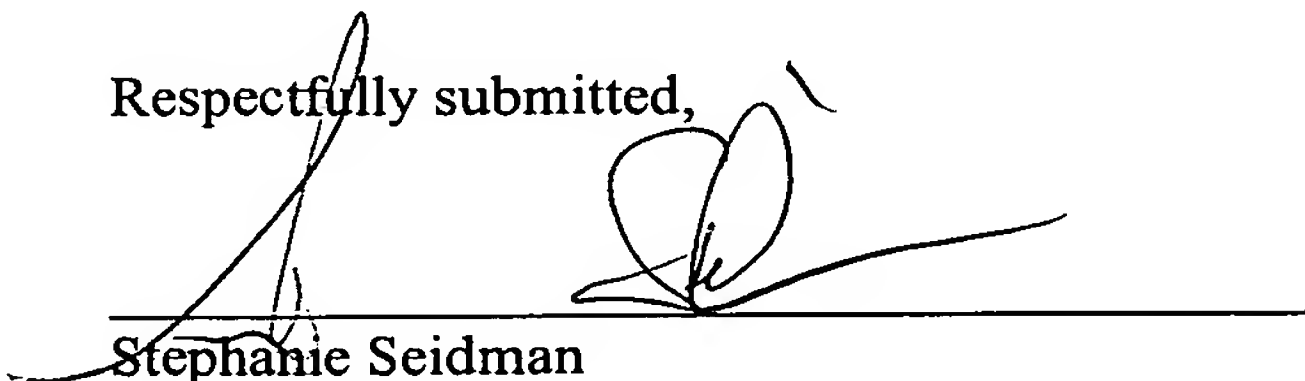
Claims 1-14, 16-20, 22-24, 31-34, 47, 50 and 54-58 are pending. Claims 1-14, 16-20, 22-24, 31-34 and 54-58 are amended herein for clarity, *e.g.*, by providing proper antecedent basis and/or removing unnecessary claim language. Claims 61-73 are added herein. Basis for the amended and added claims may be found in the specification, for example, at page 4, lines 12-16; page 5, lines 1-7; page 7, line 30 to page 8, line 3; page 10, lines 18-29; page 11, lines 3-12; page 16, lines 5-27; page 21, lines 3-11; page 21, lines 19-22; and original Claim 24. No new matter is added.

Method claims 50 and 54-58, directed to non-elected subject matter, are retained for possible rejoinder upon allowance of product claims deemed allowable. The Examiner notes, and Applicant acknowledges, that method claims depending from or otherwise incorporating all limitations of allowable product claims will be entered as a matter of right if the amendment is presented prior to final rejection or allowance, whichever is earlier.

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In view of the election, amendment and remarks herein, examination on the merits respectfully is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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